Department of Fertilizers monitors availability of fertilizers namely, Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK through Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS), in the States.

The table below gives the details of demand and supply of urea, DAP and MOP the State of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during Kharif' 2008 season:

('000 MT)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
Tamil Nadu	Demand/ Assessed requirement	435.00	210.00	200.00	175.00
	Supply (Availability)	453.37	191.52	272.73	129.00
	Sales	449.40	191.46	268.66	128.17
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/ Assessed requirement	1350.00	425.00	250.00	1150.00
	Supply (Availability)	1420.41	535.27	316.66	894.01
	Sales	1363.94	534.59	314.28	883.02
Karnataka	Demand/ Assessed requirement	800.00	380.00	230.00	567.00
	Supply (Availability)	747.00	430.01	305.64	456.68
	Sales	738.64	429.27	291.31	452.44

As can be seen, there is no shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP. The availability has been adequate enough to sustain the sales/requirement.

Revival of FACT

44. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for the development of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) has been facing a financial crisis due to a variety of reasons. A study by a reputed consultant was commissioned to suggest measures for enhancing operational efficiency including cost cutting measures. The recommendations of the consultant are under examination by the Board of Directors of the company.

Brown field project

45. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the plan for commissioning the new brown field project as Namrup IV under the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd.;

(b) whether a declaration to this effect was made by him, at Namrup on the 26th June, 2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it will be commissioned;

(d) the total outlay and target set for implementation of Namrup IV during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) other steps initiated by his Ministry for better health and survivability of the Namrup unit in this global competition era?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (e) For optimal utilization of capacity of Brahamaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) plant at Namrup, the Government is exploring various options including possibility of setting up Fourth Plant in Namrup Fertilizer Complex of BVFCL based on modern technology. The details of the project are being worked out.

Sick fertilizer PSUs

†46. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several public sector chemical fertilizer production units in the country have turned near sick;

(b) if so, the number of sick units as on March, 2008;

(c) since when these units have become sick and the details thereof, unit-wise; and

(d) the policy decided to be adopted by Government to restart these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Out of the nine Public Sector Chemical Fertilizer companies under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers, only three are presently sick and are registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act. As on March, 2008, these are Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL), Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL). The details in respect of these units are indicated in the Statement. (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.